

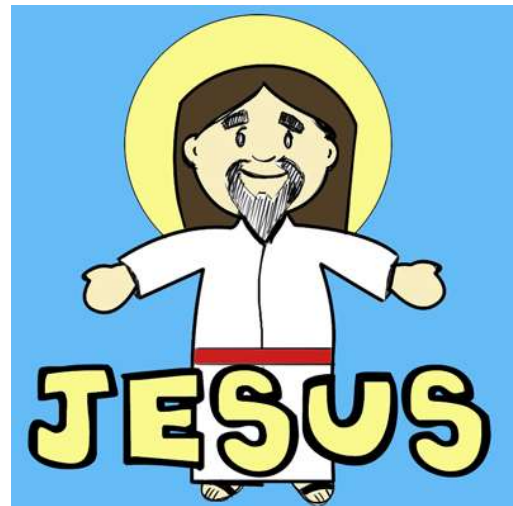
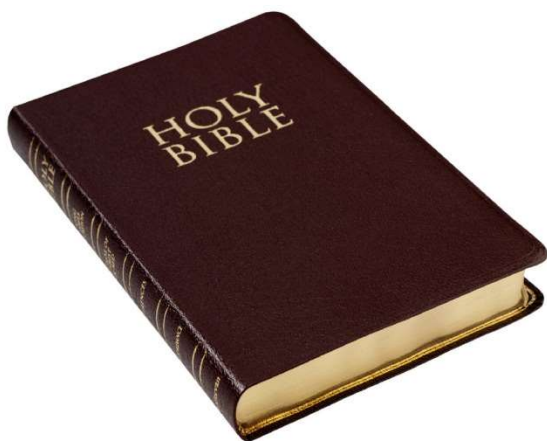
Christianity:
Figures and Sacred
Texts

Theme 1:

A - Jesus: His birth

B - Jesus: His resurrection

C - Bible as a source of wisdom
and authority



What are we doing?

This is part of your summer project. This booklet needs to be complete when you return in September. You may use extra paper if you run out of space, but make it clear what question you are answering.

You will be looking at (A) Jesus' birth, (B) Jesus' resurrection and (C) the Bible as a source of wisdom and authority in daily life.

There is a range of tasks, from simple comprehension questions, to AO1 and AO2 developing skills tasks.

When you hand this in you will be given an exam question to write an answer to. You will do an AO1 and AO2 question and be given a mark out of 50.

Non-completion of work will result in a detention with Mrs Cain.



A: Jesus: His Birth

AO1 activity

Prepare a 30-second news flash on how Jesus' birth is presented in Matthew and a 30-second news flash on how Jesus' birth is presented in Luke

This practices the AO1 skills of selecting and presenting the key relevant information

Matthew _____

Luke _____

Differences in the birth narratives in Matthew and Luke

<u>Detail</u>	Matthew/Luke (colour code)
Angels	
Mary and Joseph	
Visitors	
Herod	
Temple	
Return Journey	
Chronology	

How does Luke's account of Jesus' birth reflect his sympathy for the poor?

The Doctrine of Incarnation

Design a simple flow chart to explain the doctrine of the incarnation and to show that you have a personal understanding or 'ownership' of the concept

Exam Practice- Examine the differences between Matthew's and Luke's accounts of Jesus' birth- AO1

Add notes to the writing frame to use as a revision tool for answering such a question

B: Jesus: His resurrection

What is a chiasm?

What does the giving of the Spirit in John 20:22 signify?

AO1 Activity- Create a one minute newsround presentation that summarise John's account of Jesus' resurrection

What were the risen Jesus' three commands to Peter? What do they mean?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Summarise Paul's understanding of the resurrection, making sure you explain the difference between resuscitation and resurrection

Modern interpretation

What does the verb to demythologise mean?

How does Bultmann interpret the resurrection? Explain in detail

How does the early Christian belief in resurrection differ from that of the Jews?

Why did the early Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

AO1 activity

On a separate piece of lined paper, write a court case to defend the claim that Jesus arose from the dead. Include the views of Bultmann and Wright.

AO1 Developing Skills

From the 10 key points, chose six you feel are the most important in answering the given question. The skill of prioritising and selecting appropriate material will help you in AO1 answers

Outline NT Wright's argument in support of the truth of Jesus' resurrection

1. There is no evidence in Greek thought of any belief in resurrection
2. Jewish thought on the subject was confused. There was a belief that some Jewish heroes would be raised from the dead, but nobody though that they had, for the rather obvious reason that they had not!

Read Psalm 119:9-16 and Psalm 119-105-112. State 3 ways from each passage that would guide and instruct Christians on how to live

Read Matthew 12:10; 15:1-3; Luke 6:1-4 and explain how and why Jesus broke the Pharasaic Law

Read Pslam 46:1-3 and Matthew 6:25. Explain how you think these verses may help Christians living their lives when times are difficult.

Why, according to St Paul, have the Holy Scriptures been written?

AO1 Developing Task- develop each of the points given below like in the example given

1. The Bible can be read in many ways. *For example, the Bible is a source of comfort and encouragement because it portrays men and women whose hopes and failures Christians in all ages can identify.*
2. The Bible is not a systematic essay on the meaning and purpose of life. Rather it is an account of...

3. The Old Testament tells the story of

4. The New Testament tells the story of

5. According to the Bible the purpose of life is

6. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, wrote that the Holy Scripture 'is written for'

AO2 Activities

For each activity use pages 37(task 1) and (38 task 2) to choose a line of argument and explain your choice

Task 1- The relative value of the Bible as teaching on the meaning and purpose of life

- a) The Bible has little value as a guide to the meaning and purpose of life today as the idea of a creator God is questioned in many ways.
- b) The Bible only has value for Christians in terms of the meaning and purpose of life
- c) The Bible is still of great value today in relation to the meaning and purpose of life despite challenges made against the idea of a creator God

